THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Transition from sickness to health is a gradual process and the time for turn-around cannot be stated in advance in exact terms. The strategies and reasons for turn around are enterprise specific and may not be applicable in all cases uniformly.

Wagon Orders by Railways

1288. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reduction in wagon orders by the Railways in 1997-98;

(b) if so, the actual reduction, PSU wise in wagon-manufacturing industry against anticipated orders; and

(c) the impact of the reduction in the wagon manufacturing units in public sector, and the action taken by Government to tide over the problem?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Government is aware of wagon orders by the Railways in 1997-98 where procurement of 5,000 Four Wheeler Units (FWUs) of 1997-98 has been clubbed with 1998-99 procurement.

(b) The actual wagon orders against anticipated orders PSU wise is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) Wagon orders below expected level will result in under-utilisation of installed capacities, which will increase cash losses of the PSUs. Ministry of Railways have been requested to sufficiently load the PSUs.

Statement

Name of Unit	Anticipated orders	Wagon orders released so far	Difference in workload
Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd.	1,590	980	610
Braithwaite & Co. Ltd.	1,300	725	575
Burn Standard Co. Ltd.	2,850	347.5	2,502.5
Jessop & Co. Ltd.	350	0	350
TOTAL:	6,090	2052.5	4,037.5

Separate Directorate for SSI Units

1289. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any recommendation for creation of a separate Directorate for SSI units in all the States for taking proper decisions for promotion of this sector;

(b) whether it is also proposed to hold a census of small scale industries in the country; and

(c) if so, by when the latest census will be held for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee in its 21st report recommended a separate Directorate or Ministry for the Small Scale Industry in the States. States have been requested to take necessary action.